MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION January 15, 2013



COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Ray Gamma, Cynthia Owens, Kevan Michael Walke, Roseann Alderete

LaCoursiere.

EXCUSED: Chuck Blair, Mike O'Halloran, Tino Silva.

STAFF PRESENT: James Teixeira, Director of Parks and Recreation; Alan Kurotori, Acting

City Manager.

Public: John Bitter, Clarence Mamuyak, Jessica Berg.

<u>MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION</u> — None.

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/ ORDER OF AGENDA

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gamma at 7:00 p.m. On a motion by Commissioner Owens and second by Commissioner LaCoursiere, the Commission excused (4-0) Commissioners Blair, O'Halloran, and Silva.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Commissioner Walke and second by Commissioner Owens, the Commission approved (3-0-1 abstention) the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 20, 2012.

III. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

The Commission reviewed (a) recent Council actions pertaining to Parks & Recreation including the KCBBQ Championships & All City Picnic event to be held at Central Park June 28 and 29, 2013 incorporating July 4th and local non-profit organizations into the event. Commissioners were assured that non-profit organizations previously participating in the 4th of July All City Picnic would be invited and included in the new special event, and that the City agreement to be negotiated with the Rotary Club would specifically address the organization, staffing and the financial aspects of the event among other items. (b) The Commission also received an updated Board and Commission List.

IV. OLD BUSINESS—None.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. The Commissioners were invited to attend the California & Pacific Southwest Recreation and Park Training Conference scheduled for March 4-8, 2013 sponsored by the California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) at the San Jose Convention Center. Commissioner LaCoursiere expressed interest in attending. Commissioners may contact the Department to register by January 31, or register through the CPRS website.

B. Commissioner Owens introduced the International Swim Center Renovation Team (comprised of the Santa Clara Swim Club, Santa Clara Dive Club, and the Santa Clara Aquamaids) and two consultants hired by the Team (Clarence Mamuyak, ELS Architecture and Urban Design; and, Jessica Berg, BergDavis Public Affairs). The Acting City Manager informed the Commission that the City had been

approached by the Team to propose a privately funded renovation of the International Swim Center and that staff was interested in the Commission's review of the concept prior to Council consideration. The Director briefly reviewed the existing City Capital Improvement Project (CIP) that has been on hold since 2009 due to City budget constraints. The existing CIP contemplated a \$60 million City funded project to replace the George F. Haines International Swim Center in Central Park with a slightly larger facility.

The ISC Renovation Team's architectural consultant was introduced and provided an overview of credentials, a sampling of recent aquatic facility designs in other public and private settings, and the concept to be proposed to the City. The primary elements of the new concept included: 100% private funding (donor development model) of the total project costs of \$40 - \$46 million including design and construction of a new International Swim Center, that after completion would be gifted back to the City; would fit within the existing ISC footprint at Central Park; be LEED certified; provide an improved schematic design to provides an accessible community facility with high-end competitive program elements (subject to further revisions, and that would address neighborhood and other impacts raised in the public process); and, would address future operations and maintenance issues. Commissioners had questions about the schematic design: the seating capacity; the reasons for cost differences; added community components such as a fitness center, community gathering space, non-swimmer water features; anticipated less intense use of the site; sound deadening/wind calming roof designs; potential for incorporation of photovoltaic cells; connectivity with the rest of the park; addressing neighborhood concerns of traffic, noise, visibility; interaction with other park features such as the lake; addressing seismic safety. The Commission comments included: the attractiveness and beauty of the schematic design; the opportunities to host Olympic quality events again; the layout permitting better fit within the existing boundaries; less impacts to other park facility user groups; enabled keeping the facility in the park and better serve the wider neighborhood and community interests; and, the recreation, fitness and family play areas being a welcome addition. The Commissioners requested having the presentation given again so that the entire Commission could view it and discuss it before forwarding a recommendation to Council.

VI. STAFF REPORT

Director Teixeira reviewed recreation programs including the Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony at Civic Center Plaza, and progress on Parks facility improvements including: tree removal and replanting at City Plaza Park; the Agnew Park old restroom building removal and basketball court replacement; ADA compliant pool lift installations; and ball field preparations.

VII. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Gamma—Reported on attending the Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony, and the Tasman Parking Garage Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, and upcoming donation by the Wutzit Club Alumni Committee to the Walter E. Schmidt Youth Activity Center.

Commissioner LaCoursiere—Reported on attendance at the City Holiday Tree Lighting event and visits to various activities.

Commissioner Owens—Reported on her work with the ISC Renovation Team and work with the Santa Clara Swim Club.

Commissioner Walke—Reported on the successful completion of the SCPAL Soccer Tournament that had rescheduled games due to rain in November.

- VIII. <u>CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE REPORTS</u>—None.
- IX. <u>PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS/COMMENTS</u>—None.
- X. <u>ADJOURMENT</u>—On a motion by Commissioner Walke and second by CommissionerLaCoursiere, the Commission adjourned at 8:43 p.m. to the next regular meeting scheduled for February 19, 2013., in the City Hall Staff Conference Room.

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	Director of Parks and Recreation		Secretary